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- 25X1 1. Officers were not content to serve in the Soviet Zone of Germany because of their isolation from German life [redacted] the majority preferred service in the USSR.
- 25X1 2. [redacted] all EM wanted to return to the USSR to civilian status, because army life, especially in the Soviet Zone of Germany, was very rigorous.
- 25X1 3. [redacted] EM did not resent officer privileges, because officers had to serve their whole life; EM were anxious to get out of the army. Furthermore, EM could become officers by re-enlisting and attending schools.
- 25X1 4. [redacted] medical care, recreational facilities, and PX supplies were adequate enough not to lower morale.
5. In March 1953 a new order from the Ministry of Armed Forces decreed that no officer would receive a promotion unless there were a T/O vacancy for him in that rank. Officers were most dissatisfied with this order because of the age limits for various grades; it prescribed (these age limits were not enforced, however) if men did not attain certain ranks by certain ages, these ranks were thereafter denied them, as indicated below:

lieutenant - before 30 years of age  
 senior lieutenant - before 35 years of age  
 captain - before 40 years of age  
 major - before 45 years of age  
 lieutenant colonel - before 50 years of age

There was no age limit for colonels and generals.

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6. An average of 10 officers, 10 NCO's and 15 privates were confined in the guardhouse at Eberswalde daily. Their offenses were fraternization, drunkenness, and arguing about the execution of orders (EM only).
- 25X1 7. About 85% of the officers [ ] drank, and were excessively intoxicated at least once a week. [ ] no data on EM drunkenness, 25X1 although [ ] they did not always perform their duty efficiently.
- 25X1 8. In 1951-1951, [ ] about 47 officers and 150 EM of the 482nd and 1787th Supply Units, one officer and one EM had VD, and were treated 25X1 illegally by German physicians. [ ]
- 25X1 9. Officers disobeyed orders by attending dances, fraternization, and drinking. EM did likewise, and in addition would frequently argue about carrying out orders, and would not perform their duty efficiently.

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